

**NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For (title): METHOD TO CONTROL GENE EXPRESSION IN BACTERIA, NAMELY *RHIZOBIACEAE* TO IMPROVE ROOT NODULE DEVELOPMENT, NITROGEN FIXATION AND PLANT BIOMASS PRODUCTION**1. Type of Application**

- ☒ Utility  
☐ Design

**2. Small Entity**

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No

**3. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) Under 35 U.S.C. §120**

This application is a:

- ☐ Divisional  
☒ Continuation  
☐ Continuing Patent Application (CPA)  
☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP),

and hereby claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 to the following applications:

SERIAL NUMBER	FILING DATE
09/831,577	August 27, 2001

**4. Benefit of Non-U.S. Application Under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d)**

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) to the following foreign application(s) and/or inventor certificate(s):

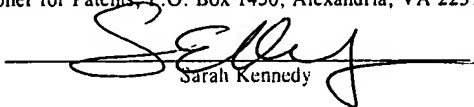
COUNTRY	APPLN. NUMBER	FILING DATE
EPO	98830674.2	November 9, 1998
PCT	PCT/IT99/00355	November 8, 1999

Certified copy(ies) of the application(s) and/or inventor certificate's from which priority is claimed:

- ☐ is(are) attached;  
☒ were filed in parent application.

**CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAIL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.10**

I hereby certify that this New Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on 11/29/01 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number EV383544805US addressed to Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

  
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5. **Benefit of Provisional Application Under 35 U.S.C. §119(e)**

This application claims priority to the following provisional application(s):

SERIAL NUMBER	FILING DATE
None	

6. **Papers Enclosed Which Are Required For Filing Date Under 37 C.F.R. §1.53**

37 Pages of Specification, including claims and abstract  
12 Sheets of Drawing

7. **Additional Papers Enclosed**

- ☒ Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in parent application  
☒ Preliminary Amendment  
☒ Copy of Information Disclosure Statement (37 CFR 1.98), Form PTO-1449 filed in parent application  
☒ Copy of recorded Assignment filed in parent application  
☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit  
☒ Copy of Statement filed in parent application regarding submission of "Sequence Listing" computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences.  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Application Filing Fee Calculation**

A. ☒ Utility Application

**FEE CALCULATION:**

Total Claims: 3 - 20 = 0 × \$18 = \$ 0.00  
Independent Claims: 2 - 3 = 0 × \$80 = \$ 0.00  
Basic Fee: ..... \$ 770.00  
Multiple-Dependent-Claim Fee : ..... \$

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Total of the Above Calculations: ..... \$ 770.00

- ☒ Amendment canceling extra claims enclosed.  
☒ Amendment deleting multiple dependencies enclosed.  
☐ Fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time.

B. ☐ Design application - \$320 \$  
Application Filing Fee Sub-Total ..... \$

C. ☒ Less 50% reduction for small entity..... \$385.00

D. ☐ Non-English Specification - \$130..... \$

**TOTAL FILING FEE ..... \$ 385.00**

9. **Payment**



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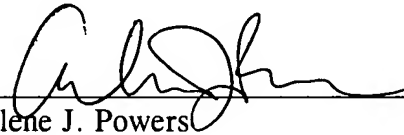
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Not Enclosed

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Respectfully submitted,



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